

A RESOLUTION to continue the Monitoring Advisory and Coordination Committee (“MACC”) to serve the Commission and the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary.

WHEREAS, monitoring programs are vital for informed decision-making in water resources management; and

WHEREAS, the monitoring programs of numerous agencies and groups within the Delaware River Basin can be mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.10 of the Delaware River Basin Compact provides for the Commission to “constitute and empower advisory committees”; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the benefits of coordination and mutual cooperation among the various monitoring programs within the Basin, the Commission by Resolution No. 99-25 in December of 1999 created the Monitoring Advisory Committee for an initial term of five years; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2014 - 4 in June of 2014, the Commission changed the name of the Monitoring Advisory Committee to “Monitoring Advisory and Coordination Committee” (“MACC”) and extended its term by five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, absent Commission action to extend the MACC, its authorization will expire on June 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the MACC has provided valuable guidance and assistance to the Commission staff in planning and implementing the following programs:

- The “Boat Run” monitoring program, which samples at 22 stations in the tidal Delaware River and Delaware Bay;
- Fish tissue monitoring in the tidal and non-tidal portions of the river; and
- The Scenic Rivers Monitoring Program in the Special Protection Waters; and

WHEREAS, coordination of these programs with monitoring activities of the Basin states and federal agencies, including the U.S. Geological Survey, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the National Park Service, is essential to ensure optimum spatial and temporal coverage as well as efficient resource allocation; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the ongoing importance of an advisory committee to maximize coordination and cooperation among the federal and state agencies and other entities that conduct monitoring within the Basin; and

WHEREAS, after the MACC was last authorized in 2014, the Commission by a Resolution for the Minutes on March 16, 2016 established new practices relating to membership, record-keeping and “green” meetings for DRBC advisory committees, with which the MACC as reauthorized should conform; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Delaware River Basin Commission that:

1. The Monitoring Advisory and Coordination Committee is hereby continued with the following composition:
  - a. *Reserved Members.* Up to ten (10) “Reserved Members” as that term is defined in the Resolution for the Minutes of March 16, 2016, who possess expertise relevant to monitoring, analytical methods and data management shall be appointed by the DRBC Commissioners or their alternates or advisors to represent Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, the City of Philadelphia, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Geological Survey, United States Army Corps of Engineers, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, and National Park Service. In accordance with the Resolution for the Minutes of March 16, 2016, appointments of Reserved Members shall be of no prescribed duration.
  - b. *Chair.* The chair of the MACC shall be one of the ten Reserved Members as defined in paragraph 1.a. and may rotate among them if the Reserved Members so provide.
  - c. *Non-Reserved Members.* Up to six (6) “Non-Reserved Members” as that term is defined in the Resolution for the Minutes of March 16, 2016, with relevant expertise, shall be appointed pursuant to the following procedure:
    - Nominees with relevant expertise shall be considered from among the following stakeholder categories: (i) environmental organizations; (ii) watershed organizations; (iii) fisheries organizations; (iv) business and industry; (v) agriculture/forest service; and/or (vi) academia.
    - Nominations shall be submitted to the Executive Director, who shall make appointments upon review and approval of the nominees’ qualifications, in accordance with the procedure established by the Resolution for the Minutes of March 16, 2016.
    - Non-Reserved Members shall be appointed for terms of up to two (2) years and may be re-appointed through the process outlined above.
2. *Expiration.* The MACC, its composition and charge shall terminate on June 14, 2027, unless renewed or extended prior thereto.

3. *Charge.* The MACC will continue to review and offer recommendations for the improvement of basin monitoring activities and will seek to enhance coordination among the parties with respect to monitoring programs and data sharing.
4. *Effective date.* This resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY THE COMMISSION

ADOPTED:

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